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Cooper River SAMP Natural Resources Subgroup to meet December 11.

Moncks Corner – The Cooper River Corridor Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Natural Resources Subgroup will meet Thursday December 11, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control reported today.

The meeting will be held at Cypress Gardens located on Cypress Gardens Road starting at 8:45 a.m.

DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management has been asked by Berkeley County government and the Berkeley Conservation District to participate in this SAMP, which is intended to assist the county in managing the Cooper River region's natural and cultural resources. The Natural Resources Subgroup will discuss the development of a Natural Resources Management Plan.

The public is invited to attend.

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